

THE ONWARD MARCH.

Preparations for Pushing into the Interior Rapidly Progressing.

The Rebel Chief, with 25,000 Men, Only Thirty Miles Away.

The Great Fight of the War Expected at Tel El Kebir.

The Military Convention Between England and Turkey Nearly Settled.

Special Dispatches to This Box.

PUSHING INTO THE INTERIOR.

ISMAILIA, August 23.—General Wolsey intends pushing into the interior at once. A tramway is being laid between the railroad station and the quay. The troops now at Nekif, with the addition of three squadrons of the Household Cavalry, two guns, a detachment of Hussars and mounted infantry, will march in the morning to El Magfar on the fresh water canal, about four miles west of Nekif, leaving one regiment to guard the bridge over the canal. Arabi Pasha has 25,000 men and 60 guns at Tel El Kebir. The Seventh native infantry has been ordered to Serapeum from Suez.

BEBOUIN CAVALRY.

KANTARA, August 23.—Two officers who have come in report there are 3,000 Bebouin Cavalry in the vicinity of Kantara.

PROTECTING THEIR FLANK.

ALEXANDRIA, August 23.—During the night the enemy have thrown up entrenchments on their extreme right across the sands towards Lake Aboukir probably in consequence of the movement of Highlanders Sunday, which threatened to outflank them. It is reported large bodies of Bebouin have crossed the desert from Tripoli to join Arabi Pasha.

THE BATTLE GROUND.

ISMAILIA, August 23.—According to authentic information Arabi Pasha has 25,000 men at Kaf El Dhar. Large numbers are constantly encamping at Tel El Kebir, and the little doubt that the big fight of the war will occur there. Prisoners taken at Serapeum Monday report many of the enemy's wounded died during the retreat across the desert to Tel El Kebir.

SUDAN LOCALITY.

PORT SAID, August 23.—An Egyptian officer, just arrived here from Sudan, states he is deputized by Mehemet Nandi, governor of Sudan, to inform the khedive that he and all officers and soldiers under his command are loyal and will not recognize Arabi Pasha. Ali Effendi, the royal governor of Port Said, has been appointed provisional governor of Ismailia and will proceed there to-day in the khedive's steamer Essore, which also takes Lord Charles Balfour, Major Bay, Dunbar, and three of the khedive's officers, who will immediately proceed to the front.

PRAYING AND PREYING.

LONDON, August 23.—A Port Said dispatch says: The government school master arrived from Cairo 14th inst. He states torchlight processions parade nightly, men and boys calling on Allah to send death to the English and all Christian dogs. The ecclesiastical archbishop, for fear of his life, is doing all that is demanded of him by Arabi Pasha. The latter is levying war contributions throughout the country. Every fellah must pay from two to eight piasters according to his possessions, half of his cattle and a measure of wheat.

SCARING THE PORTS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 23.—It is stated the sultan's hesitancy is due to the receipt of anonymous threatening letters from Syria, Arabia and Egypt. Alarming rumors are current here that the ports have received unfavorable dispatches from the Syrian governors.

THE MILITARY CONVENTION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 23.—Sheikh Ul Islam paid Lord Dufferin a second visit to-day. Lord Dufferin announced he had received instructions from his government to sign the draft of the military convention as agreed upon between himself and Arabi Pasha on the 18th inst, and which has been left subject to further consideration. Sanderson, secretary of the British legation, had previously conveyed the same intelligence to the sultan. The interviews between Sheikh Ul Islam and Lord Dufferin, it is understood, helped to clear the situation. Lord Dufferin gave the Sheikh reassuring explanations in regard to the intentions of the English. Lord Dufferin will have an interview with Arabi Pasha to-night, when it is hoped the military convention will be definitely concluded.

PREPARING TO RETREAT.

ALEXANDRIA, August 23.—It is believed a part of the Egyptian force is burning villages either during or preparatory to retreat.

HELDING THE CANAL.

KANTARA, August 23.—The British forces now hold the Suez canal throughout its entire length. They have an abundance of good water.

THE AMERICAN PORT.

LONDON, August 23.—A committee is being formed to arrange for placing a bust of the post Longfellow in Westminster Abbey.

CAPTURE OF REBEL LEADERS.

PORT SAID, August 23.—The British have captured Ruchdi Pasha, formerly the khedive's minister of finance, and Zulfikar Pasha, of the khedive's household, who had espoused the cause of Arabi Pasha. The military police arrested nine-

M'SWENEY'S METHODS.

Ticking the Plathoric Pulse of Dorsey for a Large Fee.

"A Man of Noble Soul, the Tongue of Truth, the Hand of Charity."

Political Delinquents Forced to Come Down with their Two Per Cent.

The Wasatch Iron and Coal Company of Wyoming—General Washington News.

CAPITAL NOTES.

THE CARSON MINT.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—Reports have been received at the treasury department of irregularities in the accounts of James Crawford, superintendent of the mint at Carson City. Investigation will be made.

THE STAR ROUTE TRIAL.

Mr. McSweeney criticized the evidence for the prosecution in a sarcastic manner, and concluded his argument as follows: "And now, he launched the little bark of his client, a man with a noble soul, the tongue of truth, the hand of charity. At the age of nineteen he had gone ragged and barefooted into the ranks of his country's defenders, and at twenty-one he had been breveted for bravery on the field. Did the jury think that man, who had led his country to victory in the service of our country, was a thief who would rob the treasury of that country whose foundation he had helped to cement with his blood? He had risen up until he provoked enmity, until envy and jealousy made their stab at him. Dorsey had found the lines of the poet to be true: "He who ascends to mountain tops shall find The loftiest summit crowned with ice and snow, And who surmounts and subdues mankind Must look down upon the hate of those below."

COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL TO-MORROW, when Mr. Merrick will begin argument for the prosecution.

MAIL FOR MANITOBA.

A general order was issued from the postoffice department to-day, directing a daily exchange of international mails between St. Paul and Breckenridge, (Minn.) railway office, and the Canadian postoffice of Emerson and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The exchange to commence September 1, and to include all international correspondence, except book packets from Canada for the United States.

TWO PER CENT.

The Star says: The collectors of the republican congressional committee were "working" the army and navy departments to-day. They had all who had not responded to the request for "voluntary contributions" on their books, and the delinquents were rare. Nothing less than two per cent of the salary is required.

SEARCHING THE LENA DELTA.

The navy department is in receipt of a long communication from Lieut. Harbor, U. S. N., dated Vicksburg, June 11, giving in detail the story of his preparations to search the Lena Delta.

MOVING FOR A MONUMENT.

The board of direction of the bazaar and art exposition to be held at the capitol, November 25th to December 3d, for the benefit of the Washington Garfield monument, have established headquarters at the Ebbitt house.

IMPROVING THE MISSISSIPPI.

There will be a meeting of Mississippi river commissioners in this city Friday, to consider plans of improvement of the river and other matters connected therewith. It is expected several delegations from states bordering on the lower Mississippi will be given a hearing.

A WYOMING CORPORATION.

Acting Secretary Joslyn to-day approved the papers submitted by F. S. Pinchney, of Newport, as president of the Wasatch Iron and Coal company. The corporation was organized under the corporation act of Wyoming, with a capital of \$5,000,000, for the purpose of purchasing, developing and operating mines of mineral and other properties, and constructing a railroad through the territory, right of way for which is also granted.

CHEMIZIT GOODS.

J. J. Flynn, United States consul at Chemnitz, notes that the goods purchased in that great manufacturing city never carry with them anything which would indicate to the purchaser their place of manufacture. All the credit goes to cities and towns which have nothing to do with the manufacture or the sale of the goods. In the list of Chemnitz made goods are included hosiery sold in the United States for French, English and Irish, French kid gloves, Hamburg edgings and insertions, Nottingham lace curtains, Valenciennes and Spanish lace, Brussels and Axminster carpets, Paris artificial flowers and other French millinery goods, buttons sold in America on French cards, fine English and French under clothing, Irish poplins in all colors and shades, some with the "Harp of Erin" brand upon them, Irish linens, French milliners, Tunis muslins, and Swiss embroidery and Dutch toys. Mr. Flynn does not know why it is that Chemnitz manufactures do not claim the credit which belongs to them, but they have gone on for hundreds of years in this way, and it would probably be a risky experiment now to change the manner of things in order to satisfy a little vanity. The explanation is probably very simple. It pays, and is done for the same reason that American hosiery, hosiery and cheese are often sold in England in English packages and as English products. Chemnitz began by trading upon the

RAMPANT REFORMERS.

The Prohibitionists vie with the Free Thinkers in Methods of Morality.

The Former Decide to Start a National Party on a "Still" Hunt.

The Outcasts of Society Blaspheme Things Sacred at the Latter Gathering.

The Greenbackers and Bourbonns of Michigan Unite for Office—Other Conventions.

National Prohibition Convention Special Dispatch to This Box.

CHICAGO, August 23.—Farwell hall was handsomely decorated this morning for the reception of the convention of the national prohibition party. Large United States flags were gathered in graceful festoons at the ends of the gallery railings, falling in folds to the stage. At the rear of the stage the wall was adorned with stars and stripes, with the shields of Iowa, Kansas and Maine, the banner "Prohibition States" displayed thereon.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock, 300 delegates present. Gideon J. Stewart, of Ohio, chairman of the national prohibition reform executive committee, called the convention to order. Rev. John Russell, of Michigan, was elected temporary chairman. He spoke in favor of a grand national prohibition party. Peneb Cozzens, of St. Louis, and Mary B. Willard, of Chicago, were elected secretaries. Mr. Young, of Iowa, representing one of the three Iowa delegations, asked if the delegates not committed to a third party movement, though in full sympathy with prohibition were to be excluded. His delegation wanted to know before submitting credentials. If barred out they would go to work on their own carpet lines. The chair said those would be barred out who had not abandoned affiliation with the democratic, republican, greenback or any other party that had not declared in favor of legal prohibition of the liquor traffic. The committee on credentials was then named. Mrs. J. A. Brown, and Rev. Arthur Edwards, delivered addresses of welcome, and J. B. Finch, of Nebraska, responded. The prohibitionists held a talking session this evening. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Francis E. Willard, of Chicago, on "Home Protection," Miss Sallie Chapin, of South Carolina, on the "Situation in South Carolina," and Rev. John Russell, of Marquette, Mich., on "The Need of a Separate Prohibition Party." The committee on resolutions met in the Palmer house. A large number of proposition for incorporation in the platform were presented and referred to a subcommittee of three, who afterwards substantially agreed on a report to the full committee to be made to-morrow morning.

The Blasphemous Brethren. Special Dispatch to This Box.

WATKINS, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The Free Thinkers' convention met this morning, 300 people present. Among the prominent speakers were Mrs. H. T. Lake, of Cala. Various committees were appointed, after which several blasphemous addresses were made. George Min, who was dismissed from City church in Chicago, and who is about to make his debut on the stage as Hamlet, lectures to-night on "The Strength and Weakness of the Church."

Michigan Democrats. Special Dispatch to This Box.

LANSING, Mich., August 23.—The democratic state convention met, and after the appointment of the usual committees the convention took a recess to 2 o'clock. After debate in the democratic convention, lasting nearly the entire afternoon, the proposition for fusion with the greenbackers was carried by a large majority. By this proposition the state ticket will be divided between the two tickets as follows: The greenbackers have governor, commissioner of the land office, superintendent of public instruction and member of the board of education; the democrats have lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and auditor general. The opposition fought vigorously to secure a democrat for the head of the ticket, but it was understood this would not be acceptable to the greenbackers.

News from Grand Rapids was to the effect that this proposal was accepted by the greenback convention in session there, and that Hon. J. W. Bogole, of Flint, ex member of congress, was nominated for governor. The remainder of the nominations were to be made this evening.

The democratic state convention nominated for governor, Josiah W. Bogole; lieutenant governor, Eugene Pringle; secretary of state, A. J. Shakespeare.

Maine Independents. Special Dispatch to This Box.

PORTLAND, Me., August 23.—The independent republican party announces a platform opposed to machine politics, boss rule, political assessments, bribery and fraud in controlling elections and conventions; faithful executions of the laws in all parts of the state, including the liquor laws; temperance without hypocrisy, and prohibition without drink-ness; also a general reduction of taxes. The leading men in all parts of the state were consulted upon the above platform for the independent republican party.

Texas Republicans. Special Dispatch to This Box.

AUSTIN, Texas, August 23.—The republican state convention was called

SPORTING.

SWIMMING CONTEST.

BOSTON, August 23.—The swimming contest for \$1,000 and the championship of the world, between Capt. Webb and Thomas Rile, champion short distance swimmer of America, was won by Webb.

BRIGHTON BEACH RACES.

NEW YORK, August 23.—The first race, mile, Olivette won time, 1:51. Second race, mile, J. O. Nay won; time, 1:50. Third race, mile and one-eighth, Ida B. won; time, 2:01. Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile, Mary Warren won; time, 1:05. Fifth race, handicap steeple chase, short course, King Dutchman won; time, 2:49.

POGGREKESSE RACES.

POGGREKESSE, August 23.—Track much improved. 2:20 class Overman 1, Independence 2, Rigolette 3, Manhattan 4; time, 2:25; 2:23; 2:21; 2:27; 2:24; 2:30. Five for all pacers, except Little Brown Jug; Flor. Bell 1, Buffalo Girl 2, Gem 3, Mattie Hunter 4, Lucy 5; time, 2:15; 2:18; 2:20, 2:18. 2:21 class, unfinished, J. P. Morris, 1, 2, 1; Clemmie G., 2, 1, 2; time, 2:26; 2:26; 2:24.

BASE BALL.

WORCESTER, Mass., August 23.—Worcesters 14, Chicago 5. Troy, N. Y., August 23.—Troy 2, Cleve lands 5. Boston, August 23.—Boston 7, Detroit 2.

PHILADELPHIA, August 23.—Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 3.

Does Competition Compete? Special Dispatch to This Box.

CHICAGO, Ill., August 23.—The southern pool roads, at a meeting here to-day, concluded an important agreement affecting the earnings of all southwestern lines. The conference grew out of the fact that the St. Louis & San Francisco, and Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Gulf roads have been offering for over a year special inducements for freight between St. Louis and Kansas City, via Springfield, Mo., though that route was more than twice as long as the direct lines of the southern western pool. It was a disturbing element in the fact that a break in the pool. To remedy this Commissioner Midgely was empowered to offer the Fort Scott line a monthly payment equal to its receipts from this traffic. The proposition was rejected. Lately the Rock Island road, a member of the pool, made a pro-rata arrangement with the Fort Scott line on business between Springfield, Mo., via Kansas City, thus pushing the St. Louis & San Francisco line.

The result was to-day a meeting at which the Fort Scott and San Francisco lines agreed to abandon the freight line between Kansas City and St. Louis, via Springfield, Mo., and the Rock Island canceled the pro-rata arrangement with the Fort Scott, the other pool lines agreeing not to compete for traffic in the territory properly belonging to the two offending lines.

The John Brown Picnic. Special Dispatch to This Box.

CHICAGO, August 23.—The picnic at Ogish was given for the purpose of raising funds to build a monument to the memory of John Brown was a disgraceful failure as far as raising money was concerned. About 300 persons were present. The expenses will practically consume the receipts. It was badly mismanaged. The speakers advertised, as it appears, had never been communicated with on the subject of raising money for the monument. Funds are current. Mrs. John Brown appeared on the stand and was cheered lustily. Speeches were made by local orators, songs were sung and letters of regret read from Mrs. Lucetta Garfield, President Arthur, Wendell Phillips, Senator P. B. S. Pinchback, Gov. S. M. Gallou, of Illinois, Roscoe Conkling, Secretary Robert T. Lincoln, Gen. U. S. Grant, Ex-Gov. John L. Beveridge and Ex-Gov. Richard Oglesby, of Illinois, Col. R. G. Ingersoll, Senator Samuel F. Hoar, Gen. B. F. Butler, John Brown, Jr., Senator Geo. Harrison, Geo. W. Curtis, Gen. Geo. McClellan, Geo. Swinton, Peter Cooper and Jason Brown.

It is stated a number of representative citizens are arranging for a meeting to raise money to buy Mrs. Brown a homestead.

Yellow Fever. Special Dispatch to This Box.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., August 23.—Fifteen new cases reported, two deaths. MATAMOROS, August 23.—Eleven deaths, and some new cases. Our mails are not yet running, business is stagnant, and mechanics and laborers are suffering for want of employment. Weather showery and sultry.

PORT AU PRINCE, August 9.—The yellow fever is creating great havoc here.

A Fishing Smack. Special Dispatch to This Box.

KINGSTON, Ont., Aug. 22.—The fishing inspector stopped Americans from fishing in Canadian waters. A number of steam yachts and small boats have been operating in the vicinity of Wolfe and Prince islands. The inspector informed them they had right there unless licensed. Some tourists declined at first to move, but did so on threat of being made to do so and the boats seized.

The President's Flag. Special Dispatch to This Box.

CHICAGO, August 23.—An examination of old editions of "American Flags" in colors shows that the new presidential flag, which the newspapers have been charging was conceived and executed by Chandler and Arthur, dates back many years to its conception, and it has stood side by side with the ensign, jack and pennant of America in all books on flags of ancient date.

A MORMON MONSTROSITY.

The Lunatic Asylum of Utah a Horrible, Filthy Dungeon,

Whose Inmates Were Driven Mad by Polygamous Practices.

A Few Sane Inmates in Iron Cages to Prevent their Squealing.

The Arizona Stage Robbers Captured—Various Kinds of Crime.

Utah Lunatics. Special Dispatch to This Box.

SALT LAKE, August 23.—Hon. G. A. Tucker, an English gentleman from New South Wales, with letters of introduction to the governors of states and territories asking permission to visit insane asylums and jails, publishes a letter in The Tribune giving a description of his visit to Utah insane asylum, located three miles east of Salt Lake City, yesterday, accompanied by United States Marshal Ireland and Mr. Neal, of Louisville, Ky., father-in-law of Gov. Murray. Mr. Tucker visited this asylum, which is under the charge of Dr. Seymour B. Young, nephew of Brigham Young, and three other Mormon commissioners. Mr. Tucker says he found 21 patients, 9 females and 12 males, in the most filthy condition imaginable. Some were in iron cages outside of the main building, while others were in iron bands and foot. Of these patients 2 were perfectly sane, and have no idea why they are confined. One of these sane persons is a man by the name of Sherman, who has been confined for 10 years. He was robbed of his wife by a Mormon polygamist, and has been confined in this place ever since. He appears to be a gentleman who has seen better days and is from the east. This man is in one of the cages in the yard, which he has fixed up in a fancy manner, with cushions of his own make. A daughter of John Taylor was formerly confined in this asylum, but she has been removed to a private house in the city. Her insanity was caused by her father endeavoring to force her into polygamy. The inmates of the institution are punished with a club and strap—the club is used for men, the strap for women. Mr. Tucker closed by saying "I have during the last four months visited four asylums in New South Wales, three in Victoria, two in Adelaide, two in Tasmania, three in New Zealand, one in Honolulu, three in California, one in Nevada, and the one in Utah, and no instance have I seen sights so horrible as those of to-day."

Capture of Stage Robbers. Special Dispatch to This Box.

GROVE, Arizona, August 23.—Curran B. Hawley, Lafayette Grime and Choero Grime, who robbed Wells Fargo & Co.'s express, and killed Andy Hall, messenger, and Dr. W. F. Vail, on the 20th, within a few miles of Globe, have been apprehended, and will certainly pay the penalty of their terrible act with their lives. Lafayette Grime has made a full confession, recounting every particular. It is a question in the present excited state of the citizens whether or not they will be allowed a preliminary hearing. The \$5,000 stolen has not yet been recovered. Hawley, the ringleader, is an old offender.

The Pulaski Massacre. Special Dispatch to This Box.

Mr. Pulaski, Ill., August 23.—The session of the coroner's jury to-day on the triple murder did not result in unearthing any clue to the tragedy. The total of rewards offered now foot up \$6,100.

Iron Works Burned. Special Dispatch to This Box.

SYRACUSE, August 23.—The main mills of the Syracuse iron works burned yesterday. Loss, \$200,000; insurance, \$54,000. Three hundred men are out of work.

Economy in Dairy Cows. No person thinks of running two machines to do the work of one, nor to occupy valuable space with two objects when a single one will answer. As with material so with cows for dairy purposes, and why farmers insist by practice on keeping two cows to give the milk of one is a matter that demands thought. Two cows instead of one require a double amount of food, to say nothing of the care and attention needed in their management, and hence all the work, devoted to them above that actually necessary for the production of a given quantity of milk, butter or cheese is an extravagance and waste. One of the principal causes of this lack of foresight in dairy matters is carelessness in breeding. It may be an expensive matter on the part of dairymen to change their stock from an inferior to a better kind, but this need not be done suddenly unless the means guarantee it. By a selection of first-class bulls from our principal butter and milking strains much benefit can be gained in a few seasons. If butter is the principal object in view, the use of a Jersey or Guernsey bull will not only increase the yield and quantity of butter, but, owing to the rapidity with which these breeds mature, the whole herd can be completely changed in two years. A second cross results in an increased benefit. The sum expended for a bull need not necessarily be considered as an outlay, for the bull will possess a monetary value outside of his usefulness for stock purposes. As this principle is applicable to all dairies, so may the breeders for milking qualities resort to bulls of the Holstein and Ayrshire breeds for improvement, and our beef can be made much better by the use of the Short horns and Holsteins.

THE NEW YORK GOVERNORSHIP.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—The prospects of the nomination of Secretary Folger to succeed Governor Cornell of New York are considered by friends here to have brightened considerably during the past week. One who sustains very confidential relations with the president said to-day that Folger would undoubtedly accept the nomination if tendered him. Conkling who is undoubtedly an important factor in the coming contest is regarded as decidedly more in favor of Folger than Wadsworth.

He has never forgiven the latter for his action in 1878, when Wadsworth left the state house in Albany, instead of voting with his republican colleagues to make Mr. Cornell's election unanimous. Since the senatorial defeat following the resignation of Conkling as Chief Justice, the breach between them and Cornell has evidenced to such an extent that it cannot be bridged over. Both would now support Folger, and especially since the president has signified his desire for such action. In the event of Folger's acceptance it is stated that representative Crowley, of New York, will succeed him as secretary of the treasury.

Fire in Flamingo. Special Dispatch to This Box.

KEESVILLE, N. Y., August 23.—A fire this morning burned two hotels and thirty other buildings on Front, Main and Vine streets.

The President at Newport. Special Dispatch to This Box.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 23.—The lieutenant governor of Rhode Island and the mayor of Newport made an official call on the president this morning, at ex-Governor Morgan's residence. The presidential party subsequently drove to Fort Adams, where they were received with all military honors, including a salute of 21 guns. Troops were drawn up on parade and presented arms. The president then reviewed the troops, Gen. Hancock, in full uniform of major general, standing on his left. After the review there was a battery drill. There were thousands of spectators at Fort Adams, and all sorts of carriages and traps surrounded the parade ground. The party lunched with the commander of the garrison. There was a great crush of the "upper ten" at the reception this afternoon, from 4 to 7. Ex-Governor Morgan's reception to President Arthur this afternoon was an elaborate affair. Over 500 people were present, including Spanish, Austrian, Turkish and Swedish ministers. The band from Fort Adams furnished the music. This evening the president remained at the Morgan villa.

The "Q" Declares a Dividend. Special Dispatch to This Box.

BOSTON, August 23.—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy has declared the usual quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. The company has made a 2 per cent guarantee with the Denver & Rio Grande, subject to breaking up of the usual Colorado pool. Under the proposed arrangement the C. B. & Q. will have one-half instead of one-third of the Denver business.

The Forestry Congress. Special Dispatch to This Box.

MONTREAL, August 23.—At the meeting of the American Forestry Congress to-day, Mr. Beadle moved that the organization of local associations be encouraged so that all parts of North America may be represented in the forestry congress. Adopted.

The congress elected the following officers: Mr. Loring, president; H. G. Joly, first vice president; Dr. J. A. Warder, second vice president; W. S. Little, Montreal, secretary; Joseph S. Fay, Massachusetts, treasurer. The time and place of the next meeting was left to the executive committee, when the congress adjourned.

A Queer Bank of Deposit. Special Dispatch to This Box.

Fred Kline, a well-to-do farmer, whose estate is situated within a mile of Foster's Crossing, Ohio, has come to grief to a considerable extent. His confidence in banks was badly shaken some years ago, owing to the fact that he was a heavy loser in a Cincinnati concern that went dimmer there and then that he should never risk another dollar in one of them, but concluded thereafter to do his own business.

About three weeks ago he placed \$800 in gold and bills, also deeds and other valuable papers in a tin box that he had made to order. After securely sealing and locking the box he placed it in a barrel and put the latter in a shed close to his residence.

On top of the barrel he placed a wooden box, partially filled with straw, in which he put a dozen eggs and an old setting hen. In this he had two objects, one of which was to cast off suspicion that there was anything of value underneath, and another was that in case the old hen was disturbed she would raise a racket.

Fred visited the box every morning about 5 o'clock and took a peep to see that all was right. Saturday morning last on making his usual rounds, he found the old hen unusually cross, owing to the fact that she had been roughly handled during the night, and on a closer inspection discovered that the tin box containing his valuables had disappeared.

Fred refuses all overtures made by his friends to be comforted. About three years ago he lost a fine gold watch and \$400 in a similar mysterious way. No clue to the thief.

WANTED.—A good second-hand bicycle. Address box X, Central City, Neb. 16-3.